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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Akio YAMANE : Docket No. 2002-0401A
Serial No. 10/088,598 : Group Art Unit 1634
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HYBRIDIZATION SELF-RECOGNITION PROBE : Mail Stop: AF

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 4, 2004, Applicant herein provides the following amendments and remarks.